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Priorities:

- 1. National Leadership
- 2. Coordinated Strategies and Effective Communication
- 3. Training/Technical Support
- 4. Alternative Dispute Resolution
- **5. Performance Measures**

	Implementation of KEY FOCUS areas:
National Leadership	 Bi-annual executive sessions with senior mangers, officials and stakeholders to assess streamlining opportunities and challenges.
	 Coordinated regulatory reviews, solicitation of interagency discussion on streamlining related policies, procedures and guidance.
	 Through designated "interagency response team", the rapid resolution of escalated field issues.
	 Bi-monthly progress reports to Congress.
	 Video conferences and national workshops.
Coordinated Strategies and Effective Communication	 Update, upgrade and make interactive (e.g.,chat room) the internet home page for Environmental Streamlining for easier citizen participation and input.
	 Revise and update the Action Plan and facilitate the "customized" implementation in the field.
	 Develop and coordinate by the interagency team, the national polices and procedures, guidelines, and standards regarding the NEPA process and issues.
	 Add streamlining to various Federal agency conferences, workshops, and training.

Training and	Identify cross training needs and opportunities.
Technical Support	 Assist the field offices in advancing local action plans.
	 Develop, with national input, prototype agreements for area wide strategies and programmatic agreements.
	 Facilitate, as appropriate, baseline data inventory coordination and resource sharing strategies will be facilitated, as appropriate.
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Develop interagency guidance.
	 Establish a network of "qualified neutrals" to facilitate conflict avoidance
	 Define conflict avoidance, problem resolution and escalation process.
Performance Measures	 Complete a series of quantitative and qualitative studies to be included in a baseline survey and evaluation of time and cost delays, case studies of lessons learned, perception surveys, and environmental outcome assessments.
	 Implement bench marking through best practices and peer reviews.

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